

## Who Asked Why? Learning About Sentences That Ask

### Reading and Discussion

A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense. It expresses a complete thought or idea. There are four kinds of sentences:

1. **Telling sentences** tell us something.
2. **Command sentences** command someone or something to do something.
3. **Exclamatory sentences** show excitement.
4. **Asking sentences** ask something.

An asking sentence usually begins with a word that asks a question. For example:

**who, what, when, where, why, how**

Asking sentences ask a question, so they must end with a **question mark**. A **question mark** is one of the punctuation marks used to end a sentence. It looks like this: ?

- **Where** is that puppy?
- **Why** did you spill that spaghetti?
- **Who** made that spooky noise?

All of the sentences above ask a question. Some sentences begin with other words that ask a question. For example:

**did, do, should, could, would**

- **Do** you like pizza?
- **Did** Sam finish his homework?
- **Should** I close the door?

### Remember:

1. If a sentence asks a question, it must end with a question mark.
2. Asking sentences must always begin with a capital letter.

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## Activities

**Activity A:** Practice making question marks on the line below.

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**Activity B:** Find the asking words in each of the sentences. Underline the asking word.

1. What do you know about George Washington?
2. Did you know that he was our first president?
3. Where was George Washington born?
4. How did he become president?
5. Would you like to read more about George Washington?
6. Where did he live?
7. Why did he become president?
8. Should I write a book report about George Washington?
9. What was his wife's name?
10. When will we study the presidents in our American History?

**Activity C:** The sentences below are missing their punctuation mark. Put a question mark behind all the asking sentences.

1. Do you like ice cream
2. What are you wearing to Patty's party
3. Why does it rain
4. How high can John jump
5. Where does April live
6. When will we take the quiz
7. Should I sweep the floor now

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## Answer Key

### Activity A

Students should have practiced making question marks.

### Activity B

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### Activity C

1. Do you like ice cream?
2. What are you wearing to Patty's party?
3. Why does it rain?
4. How high can John jump?
5. Where does April live?
6. When will we take the quiz?